

Recovery Begins



Smoke was still rising from the vicinity of the trailhead in the East Fork of the Bear River when the above photo was taken on July 1, three days after the fire started.



Quaking Aspen

Recovery of the forest trees, shrubs,

forbs, and grasses occurs at varying speed. Grasses and forbs in wet areas recover the fastest. The photo on the right shows recovery of the riparian area around the small bridge on October 10, 2002, about 14 weeks after the area burned. There is not much vegetation on the drier ground on this date, but aspen shoots are stimulated by fire, and they can be seen in the background. Lupines also re-sprouted from their roots shortly after the fire.

